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**MESSAGE:**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
-- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --  
EXAMINING GROUP 2116**

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES**

Application No. 09/503,067

Examiner E. Chang

Art Unit 2116

Amendment Transmittal

Amendment After Final

YO-999-567

(590.003)

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Atty. Docket No. YO-999-567  
(590.003)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Dono et al.  
Serial No. : 09/503,067 Examiner : Eric Chang  
Filed : February 12, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2116  
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (571) 273-8300 on January 3, 2006 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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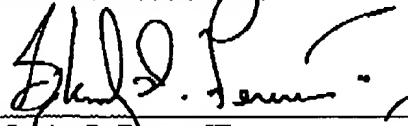
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

FERENCE &amp; ASSOCIATES

By 

Stanley D. Ference III  
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Dated: January 3, 2006

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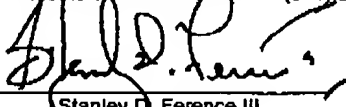
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Stanley D. Ference III  
Reg. No. 33,878

January 3, 2005  
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.